

TAKASHI NOIRI AND VALERIU POPA

**FURTHER PROPERTIES OF QUASI
 M -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS**

ABSTRACT. We obtain the further properties of quasi M -continuous functions which were introduced and investigated in order to establish the unified theory for several variations of quasi-continuity between bitopological spaces.

KEY WORDS: quasi-open, m_X -open, m -structure, quasi m -structure, quasi mg -closed, locally quasi mg -closed, quasi M -continuous, bitopological space.

AMS Mathematics Subject Classification: 54C08, 54E55.

1. Introduction

The notion of quasi-open sets in bitopological spaces is introduced by Datta [10] and studied in [21] and [41]. Some properties of quasi-open sets are studied in [21]. The notion of quasi-continuity between bitopological spaces is introduced and studied in [6]. Quasi-semi-open sets and quasi-semi-continuous functions are introduced in [22] and studied in [15] and [37]. Popa [36] introduced and investigated the notions of quasi pre-open sets and quasi precontinuity between bitopological spaces. Thakur and Paik introduced and studied the notion of quasi- α -open sets in [43] and [44]. Moreover, Thakur and Verma [45] introduced and studied the notion of quasi semipreopen sets in bitopological spaces.

The present authors introduced the notions of minimal structures, m -spaces, M -continuity in [38] and [39]. Recently, in [7], by using these concepts we introduced the notion of quasi M -continuous functions which establish the unified theory for several variations of quasi continuity between bitopological spaces. In this paper, we obtain the further properties of quasi M -continuous functions which have been investigated in [7].

2. Preliminaries

Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . The closure of A and the interior of A are denoted by $\text{Cl}(A)$ and $\text{Int}(A)$, respectively.

Definition 1. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A subset A of X is said to be α -open [32] (resp. semi-open [17], preopen [26], β -open [1] or semi-preopen [3]) if $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)))$ (resp. $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$, $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$, $A \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$).

The family of all semi-open (resp. preopen, α -open, β -open, semi-preopen) sets in X is denoted by $\text{SO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{PO}(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $\beta(X)$, $\text{SPO}(X)$).

Definition 2. The complement of a semi-open (resp. preopen, α -open, β -open, semi-preopen) set is said to be semi-closed [8] (resp. preclosed [11], α -closed [27], β -closed [1], semi-preclosed [3]).

Definition 3. The intersection of all semi-closed (resp. preclosed, α -closed, β -closed, semi-preclosed) sets of X containing A is called the semi-closure [8] (resp. preclosure [11], α -closure [27], β -closure [2], semi-preclosure [3]) of A and is denoted by $s\text{Cl}(A)$ (resp. $p\text{Cl}(A)$, $\alpha\text{Cl}(A)$, $\beta\text{Cl}(A)$, $sp\text{Cl}(A)$).

Definition 4. The union of all semi-open (resp. preopen, α -open, β -open, semi-preopen) sets of X contained in A is called the semi-interior (resp. preinterior, α -interior, β -interior, semi-preinterior) of A and is denoted by $s\text{Int}(A)$ (resp. $p\text{Int}(A)$, $\alpha\text{Int}(A)$, $\beta\text{Int}(A)$, $sp\text{Int}(A)$).

Throughout the present paper, (X, τ) and (Y, σ) always denote topological spaces and (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) denote bitopological spaces.

3. Minimal structures

Definition 5. A subfamily m_X of the power set $\mathcal{P}(X)$ of a nonempty set X is called a minimal structure (or briefly m -structure) [38], [39] on X if $\emptyset \in m_X$ and $X \in m_X$.

By (X, m_X) (or briefly (X, m)), we denote a nonempty set X with a minimal structure m_X on X and call it an m -space. Each member of m_X is said to be m_X -open (or briefly m -open) and the complement of an m_X -open set is said to be m_X -closed (or briefly m -closed).

Remark 1. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then the families τ , $\text{SO}(X)$, $\text{PO}(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $\beta(X)$ and $\text{SPO}(X)$ are all m -structures on X .

Definition 6. Let X be a nonempty set and m_X an m -structure on X . For a subset A of X , the m_X -closure of A and the m_X -interior of A are defined in [25] as follows:

- (a) $m_X\text{-Cl}(A) = \cap\{F : A \subset F, X - F \in m_X\}$,
- (b) $m_X\text{-Int}(A) = \cup\{U : U \subset A, U \in m_X\}$. $m_X\text{-Cl}(A)$ and $m_X\text{-Int}(A)$ are briefly denoted by $m\text{Cl}(A)$ and $m\text{Int}(A)$, respectively.

Remark 2. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A a subset of X . If $m_X = \tau$ (resp. $\text{SO}(X)$, $\text{PO}(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $\beta(X)$, $\text{SPO}(X)$), then we have
 (a) $m_X\text{-Cl}(A) = \text{Cl}(A)$ (resp. $\text{sCl}(A)$, $\text{pCl}(A)$, $\alpha\text{Cl}(A)$, $\beta\text{Cl}(A)$, $\text{spCl}(A)$),
 (b) $m_X\text{-Int}(A) = \text{Int}(A)$ (resp. $\text{sInt}(A)$, $\text{pInt}(A)$, $\alpha\text{Int}(A)$, $\beta\text{Int}(A)$, $\text{spInt}(A)$).

Lemma 1 (Maki et al. [25]). *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space. For subsets A and B of X , the following properties hold:*

- (a) $m\text{Cl}(X - A) = X - m\text{Int}(A)$ and $m\text{Int}(X - A) = X - m\text{Cl}(A)$,
- (b) If $(X - A) \in m_X$, then $m\text{Cl}(A) = A$ and if $A \in m_X$, then $m\text{Int}(A) = A$,
- (c) $m\text{Cl}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$, $m\text{Cl}(X) = X$, $m\text{Int}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ and $m\text{Int}(X) = X$,
- (d) If $A \subset B$, then $m\text{Cl}(A) \subset m\text{Cl}(B)$ and $m\text{Int}(A) \subset m\text{Int}(B)$,
- (e) $A \subset m\text{Cl}(A)$ and $m\text{Int}(A) \subset A$,
- (f) $m\text{Cl}(m\text{Cl}(A)) = m\text{Cl}(A)$ and $m\text{Int}(m\text{Int}(A)) = m\text{Int}(A)$.

Lemma 2 (Popa and Noiri [38]). *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space and A a subset of X . Then $x \in m_X\text{-Cl}(A)$ if and only if $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every $U \in m_X$ containing x .*

Definition 7. *A minimal structure m_X on a nonempty set X is said to have property \mathcal{B} [25] if the union of any family of subsets belonging to m_X belongs to m_X .*

Remark 3. Let (X, τ) be a topological space, then τ , $\text{SO}(X)$, $\text{PO}(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $\beta(X)$, $\text{SPO}(X)$ are all m -structures on X having property \mathcal{B} .

Lemma 3 (Popa and Noiri [40]). *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space and m_X satisfy property \mathcal{B} . Then for a subset A of X , the following properties hold:*

- (a) $A \in m_X$ if and only if $m_X\text{-Int}(A) = A$,
- (b) A is m_X -closed if and only if $m_X\text{-Cl}(A) = A$,
- (c) $m_X\text{-Int}(A) \in m_X$ and $m_X\text{-Cl}(A)$ is m_X -closed.

Definition 8. *A subset A of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) is said to be*

- (a) quasi open [10], [21] if $A = B \cup C$, where $B \in \tau_1$ and $C \in \tau_2$,
- (b) quasi semi-open [15], [22] if $A = B \cup C$, where $B \in \text{SO}(X, \tau_1)$ and $C \in \text{SO}(X, \tau_2)$,
- (c) quasi preopen [36] if $A = B \cup C$, where $B \in \text{PO}(X, \tau_1)$ and $C \in \text{PO}(X, \tau_2)$,
- (d) quasi semipreopen [45] if $A = B \cup C$, where $B \in \text{SPO}(X, \tau_1)$ and $C \in \text{SPO}(X, \tau_2)$,
- (e) quasi α -open [43] if $A = B \cup C$, where $B \in \alpha(X, \tau_1)$ and $C \in \alpha(X, \tau_2)$.

The family of all quasi open (resp. quasi semi-open, quasi preopen, quasi semipreopen, quasi α -open) sets of (X, τ_1, τ_2) is denoted by $\text{QO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{QSO}(X)$, $\text{QPO}(X)$, $\text{QSPO}(X)$, $\text{Q}\alpha(X)$).

Definition 9. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and m_X^1 (resp. m_X^2) an m -structure on the topological space (X, τ_1) (resp. (X, τ_2)). The family

$$qm_X = \{A \subset X : A = B \cup C, \text{ where } B \in m_X^1 \text{ and } C \in m_X^2\}$$

is called a quasi m -structure on X . Each member $A \in qm_X$ is said to be quasi m_X -open (or briefly quasi m -open). The complement of a quasi m_X -open set is said to be quasi m_X -closed (or briefly quasi m -closed).

Remark 4. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space.

(a) If m_X^1 and m_X^2 have property (\mathcal{B}) , then qm_X is an m -structure with property (\mathcal{B}) .

(b) If $m_X^1 = \tau_1$ and $m_X^2 = \tau_2$ (resp. $\text{SO}(X, \tau_1)$ and $\text{SO}(X, \tau_2)$, $\text{PO}(X, \tau_1)$ and $\text{PO}(X, \tau_2)$, $\text{SPO}(X, \tau_1)$ and $\text{SPO}(X, \tau_2)$, $\alpha(X, \tau_1)$ and $\alpha(X, \tau_2)$), then $qm_X = \text{QO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{QSO}(X)$, $\text{QPO}(X)$, $\text{QSPO}(X)$, $\text{Q}\alpha\text{O}(X)$).

(c) Since $\text{SO}(X, \tau_i)$, $\text{PO}(X, \tau_i)$, $\text{SPO}(X, \tau_i)$ and $\alpha(X, \tau_i)$ have property (\mathcal{B}) , $\text{QSO}(X)$, $\text{QPO}(X)$, $\text{QSPO}(X)$ and $\text{Q}\alpha\text{O}(X)$ have property (\mathcal{B}) .

Definition 10. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space. For a subset A of X , the quasi m_X -closure of A and the quasi m_X -interior of A are defined as follows:

- (a) $qmCl(A) = \cap\{F : A \subset F, X - F \in qm_X\}$,
- (b) $qmInt(A) = \cup\{U : U \subset A, U \in qm_X\}$.

Remark 5. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and A a subset of X . If $qm_X = \text{QO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{QSO}(X)$, $\text{QPO}(X)$, $\text{QSPO}(X)$, $\text{Q}\alpha\text{O}(X)$), then we have

- (a) $qmCl(A) = qCl(A)$ (resp. $qsCl(A)$ [15], $qpCl(A)$ [36], $qspCl(A)$ [45], $q\alpha Cl(A)$ [43]),
- (b) $qmInt(A) = qInt(A)$ (resp. $qsInt(A)$, $qpInt(A)$, $qspInt(A)$, $q\alpha Int(A)$).

4. Quasi mg -closed sets in bitopological spaces

Definition 11. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A subset A of X is said to be

- (a) g -closed [18] if $Cl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \tau$,
- (b) $g\alpha$ -closed [24] if $\alpha Cl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \alpha(X)$,
- (c) sg -closed [4] if $sCl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \text{SO}(X)$,
- (d) pg -closed [34] if $pCl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \text{PO}(X)$,
- (e) spg -closed if $spCl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \text{SPO}(X)$.

Definition 12. Let (X, m_X) be an m -space. A subset A of X is said to be mg -closed [33] if $m_X\text{-Cl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in m_X$. The complement of an mg -closed set is said to be mg -open.

The collection of all mg -open sets of (X, m_X) is denoted by $mGO(X)$. Then $mGO(X)$ is a new minimal structure on X .

Remark 6. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and m_X an m -structure on X . If $m_X = \tau$ (resp. $SO(X)$, $PO(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $SPO(X)$), then, an mg -closed set is a g -closed (resp. sg -closed, pg -closed, $g\alpha$ -closed, spg -closed) set.

Definition 13. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space. A subset A of X is said to be

- (a) quasi g -closed or (1,2) g -closed [16] if $qCl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in QO(X)$,
- (b) quasi αg -closed if $q\alpha Cl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in Q\alpha O(X)$,
- (c) quasi sg -closed if $qsCl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in QSO(X)$,
- (d) quasi pg -closed if $qpCl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in QPO(X)$,
- (e) quasi spg -closed if $qspCl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in QSPO(X)$.

Definition 14. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi m -structure on X . A subset A is said to be quasi mg -closed in (X, τ_1, τ_2) if A is mg -closed in (X, qm_X) .

A subset A is said to be *quasi mg -open* if the complement of A is quasi mg -closed. The collection of all quasi g -open (resp. quasi sg -open, quasi pg -open, quasi αg -open, quasi spg -open) sets of (X, τ_1, τ_2) is denoted by $QGO(X)$ (resp. $QSGO(X)$, $QPGO(X)$, $Q\alpha GO(X)$, $QSPGO(X)$).

Remark 7. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space.

(a) If $qm_X = QO(X)$ (resp. $QSO(X)$, $QPO(X)$, $Q\alpha(X)$, $QSPO(X)$), then, a quasi mg -closed set is a quasi g -closed (resp. quasi sg -closed, quasi pg -closed, quasi αg -closed, quasi spg -closed) set.

(b) The families $QGO(X)$, $QSGO(X)$, $QPGO(X)$, $Q\alpha GO(X)$ and $QSPGO(X)$ are all minimal structures on X which do not have property \mathcal{B} in general.

Lemma 4 (Noiri [33]). Let (X, m_X) be an m -space. For subsets A, B of X , the following properties hold:

- (a) if A is m -closed, then A is mg -closed,
- (b) if m_X has property \mathcal{B} and A is mg -closed and m -open, then A is m -closed,
- (c) if A is mg -closed and $A \subset B \subset mCl(A)$, then B is mg -closed.

Theorem 1. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi m -structure on X . For subsets A, B of X , the following properties hold:

- (a) if A is quasi m -closed, then A is quasi mg -closed,
- (b) if qm_X has property \mathcal{B} and A is quasi mg -closed and quasi m -open, then A is quasi m -closed,

(c) if A is quasi mg -closed and $A \subset B \subset \text{qmCl}(A)$, then B is quasi mg -closed.

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 14 and Lemma 4. ■

Corollary 1. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space. For subsets A, B of X , the following properties hold:

- (a) if A is quasi-closed, then A is quasi g -closed,
- (b) if A is quasi g -closed and quasi-open, then A is quasi-closed,
- (c) if A is quasi g -closed and $A \subset B \subset \text{qCl}(A)$, then B is quasi g -closed.

Lemma 5 (Noiri [33]). Let (X, m_X) be an m -space. Then, for each $x \in X$, either $\{x\}$ is m -closed or $\{x\}$ is mg -open.

Theorem 2. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi m -structure on X . Then, for each $x \in X$, either $\{x\}$ is quasi m -closed or $\{x\}$ is quasi mg -open.

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 14 and Lemma 5. ■

Corollary 2. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space. Then, for each $x \in X$, either $\{x\}$ is quasi closed or $\{x\}$ is quasi g -open.

Lemma 6 (Noiri [33]). Let (X, m_X) be an m -space. Then, a subset A of X is mg -open if and only if $F \subset \text{mInt}(A)$ whenever $F \subset A$ and F is m -closed.

Theorem 3. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a minimal structure on X . Then, a subset A of X is quasi mg -open if and only if $F \subset \text{qmInt}(A)$ whenever $F \subset A$ and F is quasi m -closed.

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 14 and Lemma 6. ■

Corollary 3. A subset A of (X, τ_1, τ_2) is quasi g -open if and only if $F \subset \text{qInt}(A)$ whenever $F \subset A$ and F is quasi closed.

Lemma 7 (Noiri [33]). For subsets A, B of X , the following properties hold:

- (a) if A is m -open, then A is mg -open,
- (b) if m_X has property \mathcal{B} and A is mg -open and m -closed, then A is m -open,
- (c) if A is mg -open and $\text{mInt}(A) \subset B \subset A$, then B is mg -open.

Theorem 4. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi minimal structure on X . For subsets A, B of X , the following properties hold:

- (a) if A is quasi m -open, then A is quasi mg -open,
- (b) if qm_X has property \mathcal{B} and A is quasi mg -open and quasi m -closed, then A is quasi m -open,
- (c) if A is quasi mg -open and $qmInt(A) \subset B \subset A$, then B is quasi mg -open.

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 14 and Lemma 7. ■

Corollary 4. For subsets A, B of (X, τ_1, τ_2) , the following properties hold:

- (a) if A is quasi-open, then A is quasi g -open,
- (b) if A is quasi g -open and quasi-closed, then A is quasi-open,
- (c) if A is quasi g -open and $qInt(A) \subset B \subset A$, then B is quasi g -open.

Lemma 8 (Noiri [33]). Let (X, m_X) be an m -space, where m_X have property \mathcal{B} . Then, for a subset A of X , the following properties are equivalent.

- (a) A is mg -closed;
- (b) $mCl(A) - A$ does not contain any nonempty m -closed set;
- (c) $mCl(A) - A$ is mg -open.

Theorem 5. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi minimal structure on X having property \mathcal{B} . Then, for a subset A of X , the following properties are equivalent:

- (a) A is quasi mg -closed;
- (b) $qmCl(A) - A$ does not contain any nonempty quasi m -closed set;
- (c) $qmCl(A) - A$ is quasi mg -open.

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 14 and Lemma 8. ■

Corollary 5. For a subset A of of a bitopological space (X, τ_1, τ_2) , the following properties are equivalent:

- (a) A is quasi g -closed;
- (b) $qCl(A) - A$ does not contain any nonempty quasi closed set;
- (c) $qCl(A) - A$ is quasi g -open.

Lemma 9 (Noiri [33]). Let (X, m_X) be an m -space. A subset A of X is mg -closed if and only if $mCl(A) \cap F = \emptyset$ whenever $A \cap F = \emptyset$ and F is m -closed.

Theorem 6. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi minimal structure on X . Then, a subset A of X is quasi mg -closed if and only if $qmCl(A) \cap F = \emptyset$ whenever $A \cap F = \emptyset$ and F is quasi m -closed.

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 14 and Lemma 9. ■

Corollary 6. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space. Then, a subset A of X is quasi g -closed if and only if $qCl(A) \cap F = \emptyset$ whenever $A \cap F = \emptyset$ and F is quasi closed.*

Lemma 10 (Noiri [33]). *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space, where m_X has property \mathcal{B} . A subset A of X is mg -closed if and only if $mCl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for each $x \in mCl(A)$.*

Theorem 7. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi minimal structure on X having property \mathcal{B} . Then, a subset A of X is quasi mg -closed if and only if $qmCl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for each $x \in qmCl(A)$.*

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 14 and Lemma 10. ■

Corollary 7. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space. Then, a subset A of X is quasi g -closed if and only if $qCl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for each $x \in qCl(A)$.*

Definition 15. *A subset A of an m -space (X, m_X) is said to be locally m -closed [33] if $A = U \cap F$, where $U \in m_X$ and F is m -closed.*

Remark 8. Let (X, τ) be a topological space. If $m_X = \tau$ (resp. $SO(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $SPO(X)$, $PO(X)$), then a locally m -closed set is said to be locally closed [12] (resp. semi-locally closed [42], α -locally closed [13], β -locally closed [14], locally pre-closed).

Lemma 11 (Noiri [33]). *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space and m_X have property \mathcal{B} . For a subset A of X , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a) A is locally m -closed;
- (b) $A = U \cap mCl(A)$ for some $U \in m_X$;
- (c) $mCl(A) - A$ is m -closed;
- (d) $A \cup (X - mCl(A)) \in m_X$;
- (e) $A \subset mInt[A \cup (X - mCl(A))]$.

Definition 16. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi minimal structure on X . A subset A of X is said to be locally quasi m -closed if A is locally m -closed in (X, qm_X) , equivalently if $A = U \cap B$, where $U \in qm_X$ and B is quasi m -closed.*

Remark 9. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and $qm_X = QO(X)$ (resp. $QSO(X)$, $QPO(X)$, $Q\alpha(X)$, $QSPO(X)$). If a subset A of X is locally quasi m -closed, then A is locally quasi closed (resp. locally quasi semi-closed, locally quasi preclosed, locally quasi α -closed, locally quasi semi-preclosed).

Theorem 8. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi minimal structure on X having property \mathcal{B} . For a subset A of X , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a) A is locally quasi m -closed;
- (b) $A = U \cap \text{qmCl}(A)$ for some $U \in \text{qm}_X$;
- (c) $\text{qmCl}(A) - A$ is quasi m -closed;
- (d) $A \cup (X - \text{qmCl}(A)) \in \text{qm}_X$;
- (e) $A \subset \text{qmInt}[A \cup (X - \text{qmCl}(A))]$.

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 14 and Lemma 11. ■

Corollary 8. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space. For a subset A of X , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a) A is locally quasi closed;
- (b) $A = U \cap \text{qCl}(A)$ for some quasi open set U of X ;
- (c) $\text{qCl}(A) - A$ is quasi closed;
- (d) $A \cup (X - \text{qCl}(A))$ is quasi closed;
- (e) $A \subset \text{qInt}[A \cup (X - \text{qCl}(A))]$.

Lemma 12 (Noiri [33]). *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space and m_X have property \mathcal{B} . Then a subset A of X is m -closed if and only if A is mg -closed and locally m -closed.*

Theorem 9. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi minimal structure on X having property \mathcal{B} . Then a subset A of X is quasi m -closed if and only if A is quasi mg -closed and locally quasi m -closed.*

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 14 and Lemma 12. ■

Corollary 9. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and A a subset of X . Then,*

- (a) A is quasi closed if and only if it is quasi g -closed and locally quasi closed,
- (b) A is quasi semi-closed if and only if it is quasi sg -closed and locally quasi semi-closed,
- (c) A is quasi preclosed if and only if it is quasi pg -closed and locally quasi preclosed.
- (d) A is quasi α -closed if and only if it is quasi αg -closed and locally quasi α -closed,
- (e) A is quasi β -closed if and only if it is quasi spg -closed and locally quasi β -closed.

5. Some properties of M -continuity

Definition 17. *A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is said to be M -continuous at a point $x \in X$ [38] if for each m_Y -open sets V of Y containing $f(x)$, there exists $U \in m_X$ containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$.*

A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is said to be M -continuous if f is M -continuous at each point x of X .

Remark 10. Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be topological spaces.

(a) If $m_X = \tau$ (resp. $\text{SO}(X)$, $\text{PO}(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $\text{SPO}(X)$) and $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is M -continuous, then f is continuous (resp. semi-continuous [17] or quasi continuous [23], precontinuous [26], α -continuous [27], semi-precontinuous [3] or β -continuous [1]).

(b) If $m_X = \text{SO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{PO}(X)$, $\alpha(X)$, $\text{SPO}(X)$), $m_Y = \text{SO}(Y)$ (resp. $\text{PO}(Y)$, $\alpha(Y)$, $\text{SPO}(Y)$) and $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is M -continuous, then f is irresolute [9] (resp. preirresolute [28], α -irresolute [20], β -irresolute [29]).

(c) If $m_X = \tau$, $m_Y = \text{SO}(Y)$ (resp. $\alpha(Y)$, $\text{SPO}(Y)$) and f is M -continuous, then f is s -continuous [5] (resp. strongly α -irresolute [19], strongly β -irresolute [31]).

Theorem 10 (Noiri and Popa [35]). *For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a) f is M -continuous at $x \in X$;
- (b) $x \in \text{mInt}(f^{-1}(V))$ for every $V \in m_Y$ containing $f(x)$;
- (c) $x \in f^{-1}(\text{mCl}(f(A)))$ for every subset A of X with $x \in \text{mCl}(A)$;
- (d) $x \in f^{-1}(\text{mCl}(B))$ for every subset B of Y with $x \in \text{mCl}(f^{-1}(B))$;
- (e) $x \in \text{mInt}(f^{-1}(B))$ for every subset B of Y with $x \in f^{-1}(\text{mInt}(B))$;
- (f) $x \in f^{-1}(K)$ for every m_Y -closed set K of Y such that $x \in \text{mCl}(f^{-1}(K))$.

For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$, we define $D_M(f)$ as follows:

$$D_M(f) = \{x \in X : f \text{ is not } M\text{-continuous at } x\}.$$

Theorem 11 (Noiri and Popa [35]). *For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$, the following properties hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} D_M(f) &= \bigcup_{G \in m_Y} \{f^{-1}(G) - \text{mInt}(f^{-1}(G))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{f^{-1}(\text{Int}(B)) - \text{mInt}(f^{-1}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{\text{mCl}(f^{-1}(B)) - f^{-1}(\text{mCl}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{P}(X)} \{\text{mCl}(A) - f^{-1}(\text{mCl}(f(A)))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 18. Let A be a subset of an m -space (X, m_X) . The m -frontier of A , $mFr(A)$, is defined by $mFr(A) = \text{mCl}(A) \cap \text{mFr}(X - A) = \text{mCl}(A) - \text{mInt}(A)$.

Theorem 12. Let $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ be a function. Then the set $D_M(f)$ is equal to the union of m -frontiers of the inverse images of m -open sets of Y containing $f(x)$.

Proof. Suppose that $x \in D_M(f)$. There exists $V \in m_Y$ containing $f(x)$ such that $f(U)$ is not contained in V for every $U \in m_X$ containing x . Then $U \cap (X - f^{-1}(V)) \neq \emptyset$ for every $U \in m_X$ containing x and hence by Lemma 3.2 $x \in mCl(X - f^{-1}(V))$. On the other hand, we have $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subset mCl(f^{-1}(V))$ and hence $x \in mFr(f^{-1}(V))$.

Conversely, suppose that f is M -continuous at $x \in X$ and let V be any m_Y -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Then, by Theorem 5.1, we have $f^{-1}(V) \subset mInt(f^{-1}(V))$. Therefore, $x \notin mFr(f^{-1}(V))$ for each m_Y -open set of Y containing $f(x)$. ■

Lemma 13 (Popa and Noiri [38]). *For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a) f is M -continuous;
- (b) $f^{-1}(V) = m_X\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(V))$ for every m_Y -open set V of Y ;
- (c) $m_X\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$ for every m_Y -closed set F of Y ;
- (d) $m_X\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(m_Y\text{-Cl}(B))$ for every subset B of Y ;
- (e) $f(m_X\text{-Cl}(A)) \subset m_Y\text{-Cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X ;
- (f) $f^{-1}(m_Y\text{-Int}(B)) \subset m_X\text{-Int}(f^{-1}(B))$ for every subset B of Y .

Corollary 10 (Popa and Noiri [38]). *Let (X, m_X) be an m -space and m_X satisfy property \mathcal{B} . For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a) f is M -continuous;
- (b) $f^{-1}(V)$ is m_X -open for every m_Y -open set V of Y ;
- (c) $f^{-1}(F)$ is m_X -closed for every m_Y -closed set F of Y .

Definition 19. *A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is said to be M^* -continuous [30] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is m -open in X for each m -open set V of Y .*

Remark 11. (a) If $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is M^* -continuous, then it is M -continuous. But the converse may not be true by Example 3.4 of [30].

(b) If m_X has property \mathcal{B} , then M -continuity is equivalent to M^* -continuity.

Definition 20. *A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is said to be mg -continuous if $f : (X, mGO(X)) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is M^* -continuous, equivalently if $f^{-1}(V)$ is mg -closed for each m -closed set V of Y .*

Definition 21. *A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is said to be locally mc -continuous if $f^{-1}(K)$ is locally m -closed in X for each m -closed set K of Y .*

Theorem 13. *A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$, where m_X has property \mathcal{B} , is M -continuous if and only if it is mg -continuous and locally mc -continuous.*

Proof. The proof follows from Definitions 20 and 21 and Lemma 12. ■

Definition 22. A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is said to be contra M^* -continuous if $f^{-1}(K)$ is m -closed in X for each m -open set K of Y .

Theorem 14. A function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$, where m_X has property \mathcal{B} , is mg -continuous and contra M^* -continuous, then f is M -continuous.

Proof. Let V be any m -open set of Y . Since f is mg -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is mg -open. Since f is contra M^* -continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is m -closed. By Lemma 7, $f^{-1}(V)$ is m -open. Therefore, by Corollary 10 f is M -continuous. ■

6. Quasi M -continuity in bitopological spaces

Definition 23. A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be

(a) quasi-continuous [6] (resp. quasi semi-continuous [22], quasi almost-continuous [36], quasi semi-precontinuous [7]) if $f^{-1}(V)$ is quasi-open (resp. quasi semi-open, quasi preopen, quasi semi-preopen) in (X, τ_1, τ_2) for each quasi-open set V of (Y, σ_1, σ_2) ,

(b) quasi irresolute [22] if $f^{-1}(V)$ is quasi semi-open in (X, τ_1, τ_2) for each quasi semi-open set V of (Y, σ_1, σ_2) .

Definition 24. Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) be bitopological spaces. Let qm_X (resp. qm_Y) be a quasi m -structure on X (resp. Y). A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be

(a) quasi M -continuous (resp. quasi M -continuous at $x \in X$) [7] if $f : (X, qm_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is quasi M -continuous (resp. quasi M -continuous at $x \in X$),

(b) M^* -continuous if $f : (X, qm_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$ is M^* -continuous.

Remark 12. (a) Let qm_X be a quasi structure on (X, τ_1, τ_2) having property \mathcal{B} . Then a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is quasi M -continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(V)$ is quasi m -open in X for each quasi m -open set V of Y .

(b) If $qm_X = \text{QO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{QSO}(X)$, $\text{QPO}(X)$, $\text{QSPO}(X)$) and $qm_Y = \text{QO}(Y)$, then a quasi M -continuous function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is quasi-continuous (resp. quasi semi-continuous, quasi almost continuous, quasi semi-precontinuous).

Lemma 14 (Chae, Noiri and Popa [7]). Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) be bitopological spaces. Let qm_X (resp. qm_Y) be a quasi m -structure on X (resp. Y). For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (a) f is quasi M -continuous;
- (b) $f^{-1}(V) = \text{qmInt}(f^{-1}(V))$ for every quasi- m -open set V of Y ;
- (c) $\text{qmCl}(f^{-1}(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$ for every quasi- m -closed set F of Y ;
- (d) $\text{qmCl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{qmCl}(B))$ for every subset B of Y ;
- (e) $f(\text{qmCl}(A)) \subset \text{qmCl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X ;
- (f) $f^{-1}(\text{qmInt}(B)) \subset \text{qmInt}(f^{-1}(B))$ for every subset B of Y .

Corollary 11 (Chae, Noiri and Popa [7]). *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) be a bitopological space and qm_X a quasi m -structure on X satisfying property \mathcal{B} . For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a) f is quasi M -continuous;
- (b) $f^{-1}(V)$ is quasi- m -open for every quasi- m -open set V of Y ;
- (c) $f^{-1}(F)$ is quasi- m -closed for every quasi- m -closed set F of Y .

Theorem 15. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) be bitopological spaces. Let qm_X (resp. qm_Y) be a quasi m -structure on X (resp. Y). For a function $f : (X, m_X) \rightarrow (Y, m_Y)$, the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a) f is quasi M -continuous at $x \in X$;
- (b) $x \in \text{qmInt}(f^{-1}(V))$ for every $V \in \text{qm}_Y$ containing $f(x)$;
- (c) $x \in f^{-1}(\text{qmCl}(f(A)))$ for every subset A of X with $x \in \text{qmCl}(A)$;
- (d) $x \in f^{-1}(\text{qmCl}(B))$ for every subset B of Y with $x \in \text{qmCl}(f^{-1}(B))$;
- (e) $x \in \text{qmInt}(f^{-1}(B))$ for every subset B of Y with $x \in f^{-1}(\text{qmInt}(B))$;
- (f) $x \in f^{-1}(K)$ for every quasi m -closed set K of Y such that $x \in \text{qmCl}(f^{-1}(K))$.

Proof. The proof follows from Definition 24 and Theorem 10. ■

For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, we define $D_{qM}(f)$ as follows:

$$D_{qM}(f) = \{x \in X : f \text{ is not quasi } M\text{-continuous at } x\}.$$

Theorem 16. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) be bitopological spaces. Let qm_X (resp. qm_Y) be a quasi m -structure on X (resp. Y). Then, for a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following equalities hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} D_{qM}(f) &= \bigcup_{G \in qM_Y} \{f^{-1}(G) - \text{qmInt}(f^{-1}(G))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{f^{-1}(\text{qmInt}(B)) - \text{qmInt}(f^{-1}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{\text{qmCl}(f^{-1}(B)) - f^{-1}(\text{qmCl}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{P}(X)} \{\text{qmCl}(A) - f^{-1}(\text{qmCl}(f(A)))\}. \end{aligned}$$

For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, we define $D_q(f)$ as follows:

$$D_q(f) = \{x \in X : f \text{ is not quasi continuous at } x\}.$$

Corollary 12. *For a function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$, the following equalities hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} D_q(f) &= \bigcup_{G \in \text{QO}(Y)} \{f^{-1}(G) - \text{qInt}(f^{-1}(G))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{f^{-1}(\text{qInt}(B)) - \text{qInt}(f^{-1}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{P}(Y)} \{\text{qCl}(f^{-1}(B)) - f^{-1}(\text{qCl}(B))\} \\ &= \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{P}(X)} \{\text{qCl}(A) - f^{-1}(\text{qCl}(f(A)))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 25. *A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be quasi g -continuous (resp. quasi sg -continuous, quasi pg -continuous, quasi αg -continuous, quasi spg -continuous) if $f^{-1}(K)$ is quasi g -closed (resp. quasi g -semi-closed, quasi g -preclosed, quasi g - α -closed, quasi g -semipreclosed) set in (X, τ_1, τ_2) for each quasi closed set K of (Y, σ_1, σ_2) .*

Definition 26. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) be bitopological spaces. Let qm_X (resp. qm_Y) be a quasi m -structure on X (resp. Y). A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be quasi mg -continuous if $f : (X, qm_X) \rightarrow (Y, qm_Y)$ is mg -continuous, equivalently if $f^{-1}(K)$ is quasi mg -closed set in X for each quasi closed set K of Y .*

Remark 13. If $qm_X = \text{QO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{QSO}(X)$, $\text{QPO}(X)$, $\text{Q}\alpha\text{O}(X)$, $\text{QSPO}(X)$) and $qm_Y = \text{QO}(Y)$, then by Definition 26 we obtain Definition 25.

Definition 27. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) be bitopological spaces. Let qm_X (resp. qm_Y) be a quasi m -structure on X (resp. Y). A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is said to be locally quasi mc -continuous if $f : (X, qm_X) \rightarrow (Y, qm_Y)$ is locally mc -continuous, equivalently if $f^{-1}(K)$ is locally quasi mg -closed set in X for each quasi m -closed set K of Y .*

Remark 14. If $qm_X = \text{QO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{QSO}(X)$, $\text{QPO}(X)$, $\text{Q}\alpha\text{O}(X)$, $\text{QSPO}(X)$), $qm_Y = \text{QO}(Y)$ and $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is locally quasi mc -continuous, then f is locally quasi continuous (resp. locally quasi semi-continuous, locally quasi precontinuous, locally quasi α -continuous, locally quasi semi-precontinuous).

By Definitions 26 and 27 and Theorem 13, we obtain the following decomposition theorem of quasi M -continuity in bitopological spaces.

Theorem 17. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) be bitopological spaces. Let qm_X (resp. qm_Y) be a quasi m -structure on X (resp. Y), where qm_X has property \mathcal{B} . A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is quasi M -continuous if and only if f is quasi mg -continuous and locally quasi mc -continuous.*

Corollary 13. *Let $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ be a function. Then the following properties hold:*

- (a) *f is quasi continuous if and only if it is quasi g -continuous and locally quasi continuous,*
- (b) *f is quasi semi-continuous if and only if it is quasi sg -continuous and locally quasi semi-continuous,*
- (c) *f is quasi precontinuous if and only if it is quasi pg -continuous and locally quasi precontinuous,*
- (d) *f is quasi α -continuous if and only if it is quasi αg -continuous and locally quasi α -continuous,*
- (e) *f is quasi semi-precontinuous if and only if it is quasi spg -continuous and locally quasi semi-precontinuous.*

Definition 28. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) be bitopological spaces. Let qm_X (resp. qm_Y) be a quasi m -structure on X (resp. Y). A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is contra quasi M^* -continuous if $f : (X, qm_X) \rightarrow (Y, qm_Y)$ is contra M^* -continuous, equivalently if $f^{-1}(V)$ is quasi m -closed set in X for each quasi m -open set V of Y .*

Remark 15. If $qm_X = \text{QO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{QSO}(X)$, $\text{QPO}(X)$, $\text{Q}\alpha\text{O}(X)$, $\text{QSPO}(X)$), $qm_Y = \text{QO}(Y)$ and $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is contra quasi M^* -continuous, then f is contra quasi continuous (resp. contra quasi semi-continuous, contra quasi precontinuous, contra quasi α -continuous, contra quasi semi-precontinuous).

By Definition 28 and Theorem 14, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 18. *Let (X, τ_1, τ_2) and (Y, σ_1, σ_2) be bitopological spaces and let qm_X (resp. qm_Y) be a quasi m -structure on X (resp. Y), where qm_X has property \mathcal{B} . A function $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ is quasi mg -continuous and contra quasi M^* -continuous, then f is quasi M -continuous.*

Corollary 14. *Let $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ be a function. Then the following properties hold:*

- (a) *f is quasi continuous if it is quasi g -continuous and contra quasi continuous,*
- (b) *f is quasi semi-continuous if it is quasi sg -continuous and contra quasi semi-continuous,*
- (c) *f is quasi precontinuous if it is quasi pg -continuous and contra quasi precontinuous,*
- (d) *f is quasi α -continuous if it is quasi αg -continuous and contra quasi α -continuous,*
- (e) *f is quasi semi-precontinuous if it is quasi spg -continuous and contra quasi semi-precontinuous.*

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 18 and $qm_Y = \text{QO}(Y)$. ■

References

- [1] ABD EL-MONSEF M.E., EL-DEEP S.N., MAHMOUD R.A., β -open sets and β -continuous mappings, *Bull. Fac. Sci. Assiut Univ.*, 12(1983), 77–90.
- [2] ABD EL-MONSEF M.E., MAHMOUD R.A., LASHIN E.R., β -closure and β -interior, *J. Fac. Ed. Ain Shams Univ.*, 10(1986), 235–245.
- [3] ANDRIJEVIĆ D., Semi-preopen sets, *Mat. Vesnik*, 38(1986), 24–32.
- [4] BHATTACHARYYA P., LAHIRI B.K., Semi-generalized closed sets in topology, *Indian J. Math.*, 25(1987), 375–382.
- [5] CAMERON D.E., WOODS G., S -continuity and s -open functions, (*preprint*).
- [6] CHAE G.I., HONG K.P., On the continuity in a bitopological spaces, *Ulsan Inst. Tech. Rep.*, 12(1981), 147–150.
- [7] CHAE G.I., NOIRI T., POPA V., Quasi M -continuous functions in bitopological spaces, *J. Natur. Sci. Ulsan Univ.*, 16(2007), 23–33.
- [8] CROSSLEY S.G., HILDEBRAND S.K., Semi-closure, *Texas J. Sci.*, 22(1971), 99–112.
- [9] CROSSLEY S.G., HILDEBRAND S.K., Semi-topological properties, *Fund. Math.*, 74(1972), 233–254.
- [10] DATTA M.C., Contributions to the Theory of Bitopological Spaces, *Ph. D. Thesis*, Pilan (India), 1971.
- [11] EL-DEEB S.N., HASANEIN I.A., MASHHOUR A.S., NOIRI T., On p -regular spaces, *Bull. Math. Soc. Sci. Math. R. S. Roumanie*, 27(75)(1983), 311–315.
- [12] GANSTER M., REILLY I.L., Locally closed sets and LC-continuous functions, *Internat. J. Math. Math. Sci.*, 12(1989), 417–424.
- [13] GRANAMBAL Y., Studies on Generalized Pre-regular Closed Sets and Generalizations of Locally Closed Sets, *Ph. D. Thesis*, Bharathiar Univ., Coimbatore, 1998.
- [14] GRANAMBAL Y., BALACHANDRAN K., β -locally closed sets and β -LC-continuous functions, *Mem. Fac. Sci. Kochi Univ. Ser. A Math.*, 19(1998), 35–44.
- [15] LEE J.Y., LEE J.J., Quasi-semi-open sets and quasi-semi-continuity, *Ulsan Inst. Tech. Rep.*, 13(1982), 171–173.
- [16] THIVAGAR M.L., RAJESWAR R.R., EKICI E., On extension of semi-preopen sets in bitopological spaces, *Kochi J. Math.*, 3(2008), 55–60.
- [17] LEVINE N., Semi-open sets and semi-continuity in topological spaces, *Amer. Math. Monthly*, 70(1963), 36–41.
- [18] LEVINE N., Generalized closed sets in topology, *Rend. Circ. Mat. Palermo (2)*, 19(1970), 89–96.
- [19] FARO G.L., On strongly α -irresolute mappings, *Indian J. Pure Appl. Math.*, 18(1987), 146–151.
- [20] MAHESHWARI S.N., THAKUR S.S., On α -irresolute mappings, *Tamkang J. Math.*, 11(1980), 209–214.
- [21] MAHESHWARI S.N., JAIN P.C., CHAE G.I., On quasiopen sets, *Ulsan Inst. Tech. Rep.*, 11(1980), 291–292.
- [22] MAHESHWARI S.N., CHAE G.I., THAKUR S.S., Some new mappings in bitopological spaces, *Ulsan Inst. Tech. Rep.*, 12(1981), 301–304.

- [23] MARCUS S., Sur les fonctions quasicontinues au sence de S. Kempisty, *Colloq. Math.*, 8(1961), 47–53.
- [24] MAKI H., DEVI R., BALACHANDRAN K., Generalized α -closed sets in topology, *Bull. Fukuoka Univ. Ed. III*, 42(1993), 13–21.
- [25] MAKI H., RAO K.C., GANI A.N., On generalizing semi-open and preopen sets, *Pure Appl. Math. Sci.*, 49(1999), 17–29.
- [26] MASHHOUR A.S., ABD EL-MONSEF M.E., EL-DEEP S.N., On precontinuous and weak precontinuous mappings, *Proc. Math. Phys. Soc. Egypt*, 53(1982), 47–53.
- [27] MASHHOUR A.S., HASANEIN I.A., EL-DEEB S.N., α -continuous and α -open mappings, *Acta Math. Hungar.*, 41(1983), 213–218.
- [28] MASHHOUR A.S., ABD EL-MONSEF M.E., HASANEIN I.A., On pretopological spaces, *Bull. Math. Soc. Sci. Math. R. S. Roumanie*, 23(76)(1984), 39–45.
- [29] MASHHOUR A.S., ABD EL-MONSEF M.E., β -irresolute and β -topological invariants, *Proc. Pakistan Acad. Sci.*, 27(1990), 285–291.
- [30] MIN W.K., M^* -continuity and product minimal structure, (*submitted*).
- [31] NASEF A.A., NOIRI T., Strongly β -irresolute mappings, *J. Natur. Sci.*, 36(1996), 199–206.
- [32] NJÅSTAD O., On some classes of nearly open sets, *Pacific J. Math.*, 15(1965), 961–970.
- [33] NOIRI T., A unified theory of modifications of g -closed sets, *Rend. Circ. Mat. Palermo (2)*, 56(2007), 171–184.
- [34] NOIRI T., MAKI H., UMEHARA J., Generalized preclosed functions, *Mem. Fac. Sci. Kochi Univ. Ser. A Math.*, 19(1998), 13–20.
- [35] NOIRI T., POPA V., A generalization of some forms of g -irresolute functions, *Europ. J. Pure Appl. Math.*, 2(2009), 473–493.
- [36] POPA V., Quasi preopen sets and quasi almost continuity in bitopological spaces, *Stud. Cerc. Bacău*, (1984), 180–184.
- [37] POPA V., On some properties of quasi semi-separate spaces, *Lucr. St. Mat. Fis. Inst. Petrol-Gaze, Ploiesti* (1990), 71–76.
- [38] POPA V., NOIRI T., On M -continuous functions, *Anal. Univ. "Dunarea de Jos" Galați, Ser. Mat. Fiz. Mec. Teor. (2)*, 18(23)(2000), 31–41.
- [39] POPA V., NOIRI T., On the definitions of some be generalized forms of continuity be under minimal conditions, *Mem. Fac. Sci. Kochi Univ. Ser. A Math.*, 22(2001), 9–18.
- [40] POPA V., NOIRI T., A unified theory of weak continuity for functions, *Rend. Circ. Mat. Palermo (2)*, 51(2002), 439–464.
- [41] SARSAC M.S., On quasi continuous functions, *J. Indian Acad. Math.*, 27(2006), 407–414.
- [42] SUNDARAM P., BALACHANDRAN K., Semi generalized locally closed sets in topological spaces, (*preprint*).
- [43] THAKUR S.S., PAIK P., Quasi α -sets, *J. Indian Acad. Math.*, 7(1985), 91–95.
- [44] THAKUR S.S., PAIK P., Quasi α -connectedness in bitopological spaces, *J. Indian Acad. Math.*, 9(1987), 98–102.
- [45] THAKUR S.S., VERMA P., Quasi semi preopen sets, *Vikram Math. J.*, 11(1991), 57–61.

TAKASHI NOIRI
2949-1 SHIOKITA-CHO, HINAGU
YATSUSHIRO-SHI, KUMAMOTO-KEN
869-5142 JAPAN
e-mail: t.noiri@nifty.com

VALERIU POPA
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
UNIV. VASILE ALECSANDRI OF BACĂU
600115 BACĂU, ROMANIA
e-mail: vpopa@ub.ro

Received on 08.11.2010 and, in revised form, on 11.01.2011.